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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicant(s):

Tadao Kusuda et al.

Title:

UNINSTALL CONTROL APPARATUS WHICH  
CONTROLS UNINSTALLATION OF DEVICE  
CONTROL SOFTWARE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1           7.       (Amended) The uninstall control apparatus as defined in Claim 4 further  
2 comprising:  
3           storage means for storing installed control software, wherein

4 the uninstall process executed by the uninstall means includes a stage for deleting the  
5 control software being the target for the uninstall process from the storage means, and  
6 the timing control means controls the uninstall means to delete the control software from the  
7 storage means when the elapsed time reaches a fourth predetermined time.

Please add the following newly-drafted Claims 17-18.

1 17. (New) The uninstall control apparatus as defined in Claim 5 further comprising:  
2 storage means for storing installed control software, wherein  
3 the uninstall process executed by the uninstall means includes a stage for deleting the  
4 control software being the target for the uninstall process from the storage means, and  
5 the timing control means controls the uninstall means to delete the control software from the  
6 storage means when the elapsed time reaches a fourth predetermined time.

1 18. (New) The uninstall control apparatus as defined in Claim 6 further comprising:  
2 storage means for storing installed control software, wherein  
3 the uninstall process executed by the uninstall means includes a stage for deleting the  
4 control software being the target for the uninstall process from the storage means, and  
5 the timing control means controls the uninstall means to delete the control software from the  
6 storage means when the elapsed time reaches a fourth predetermined time.

## REMARKS

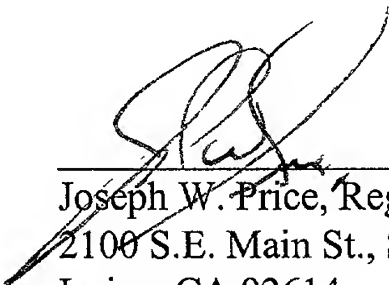
The amendments to the claims are to remove multiple dependencies.

Newly drafted Claims 17-18 are within the scope of the original application and do not add any new subject matter.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

The claims have been amended as follows:

1           7.       (Amended) The uninstall control apparatus as defined in [any one of Claims 4 to 6]  
2   Claim 4 further comprising:  
3           storage means for storing installed control software, wherein  
4           the uninstall process executed by the uninstall means includes a stage for deleting the  
5   control software being the target for the uninstall process from the storage means, and  
6           the timing control means controls the uninstall means to delete the control software from the  
7   storage means when the elapsed time reaches a fourth predetermined time.

New Claims 17 and 18 have been added.